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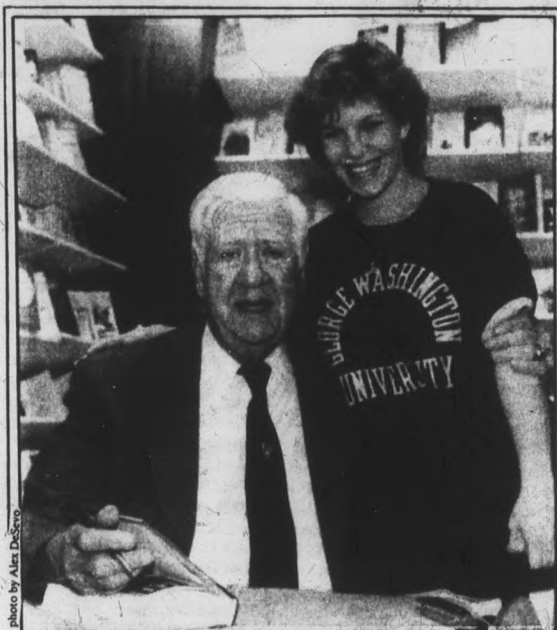


Photo by Alan DeSoto
TIP O'NEILL is only signing autographs nowadays, and this one is for GW sophomore Melissa Shore.

It was a Tip-top day for signing books

by Kevin Tucker
Asst. News Editor

The line stretched around the street corner, wound among the shelves and ended in front of a small table in the very back of the bookstore.

There, mineral water in one hand and pen in the other, sat the man who may have been the most influential legislator of modern times, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

O'Neill was at Crown Books at 2020 K St. NW, two blocks from the GW campus, Thursday to promote his new book, *Man of the House*. The former Speaker of the House spent an hour and a half signing copies of his book while exchanging quips and anecdotes with patient autograph-seekers.

"I'm a lecturer and a book salesman," O'Neill said of his present line of work. The aging statesman (he will be 75 in December) appears to be enjoying his retirement, however. "I miss swinging the gavel," he said, and, after a moment of thought, "I miss making the decisions, too."

Although he is no longer in the political spotlight, O'Neill can still attract enough followers to rival almost any active politician.

"People were already lining up at 11:15 [for O'Neill's noon appearance]," said Tom Chafin, a "floating manager"

for Crown who was assigned to the store for the duration of the autograph session. "This is a longer-than-usual line," he said.

Chafin said O'Neill came to that particular Crown bookstore because it "makes the most money [of any other Crown store] in the District. Every author comes here."

While O'Neill was gregarious and outgoing toward the people in line, he had two aides present to ensure he was not bothered by the overly curious. They promptly cut the line short at 1:30 p.m. to assure that O'Neill arrived on time to his next appointment, an ABC Radio Network interview.

The abrupt end of the autograph session disappointed the remaining 20 to 30 people. "Come on, Tip, we're all Democrats here," one customer said, anxious to get a signature. A politician to the end, O'Neill signed books even as he was walking out the door and being hustled into a waiting car.

With more book-signing appearances and television interviews in the future, O'Neill should remain in the public eye for months to come. Do not expect him to use his influence for any more political interests, however. As one of his aides said, "He's just selling books."

'And then there were 11 ...'

Committee narrows field of candidates to replace Elliott

by Rich Katz
Editor-in-Chief

The field of candidates to replace retiring GW President Lloyd H. Elliott has been reduced to 11 "outstanding people," said Everett H. Bellows, GW Board of Trustees chairman and Presidential Search Committee member ex-officio, on Friday.

Bellows said the 14-person committee previously narrowed the number of candidates from more than 100 to 44 and then to 22. He would not release names of the remaining candidates.

There is no set date for a final decision, he said, although "we hope we can beat the January Board [of Trustees] meeting."

The committee originally solicited nationwide for suggestions and nominations from prominent members of academia. From those names, the committee compiled a list of approximately 200 names from which it garnered "about 100 replies, of which most said 'yes,'" Bellows said.

"We're interviewing and still checking references, and we're making very good progress," he said. "But this is not something to be done in a hurry."

"We want a person, man or woman, who's been a scholar at a level of education; someone who has an articulate and commanding presence and someone who would be a good manager of a \$370 million budget."

"In other words, that person must be a near genius," Bellows said.

The committee began its search in early March, a month after Elliott announced his retirement, effective June 31, 1988.

The search is being conducted under the guidance of criteria set by the Board of Trustees. In its published list, the board states, "The president of GW should be:"

- Recognized as a leader in higher education or in an endeavor that has provided a deep and thorough understanding of a university's unique institutional needs at every level, including faculty research, scholarship and teaching, administration of programs and schools, and the management and leadership of a university.

- An unequivocal proponent of increasing the geographical and ethnic diversity of the student population and the sense of community within it, as well as the representation of women and minorities in the faculty and the administration.

- Committed to improving the contribution of a rich campus life experience to the well-rounded education of students at a national university.

- Able to play a major role in the cultivation of funding sources and possess the interest and communication skills to be an effective fundraiser.

- Strongly committed to providing leadership at the presidential level in the University's comprehensive planning activities.

- An effective administrator with the particular ability to develop a sound organizational structure, to select highly competent personnel, to provide direction and to delegate authority.

- A leader in forging GW's distinctive identity both within the GW community and outside.

- Committed to strengthening, diversifying and (See SEARCH, p. 8)

Telecom. office to 'make offer' to end customer rep. troubles

by Sharyn Wizda
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW Office of Telecommunications will attempt to strengthen its understaffed customer service department by hiring a new manager for the department, Telecommunications Director Robert L. Longshore said.

The GW Hatchet reported in a Sept. 24 article that two of the four customer service representatives resigned, leaving one person to handle the GW Medical Center and the other to service the rest of the University.

In the article, telecommunications technician Don Stewart called the department "understaffed and undermanned" and said it was ill-equipped to deal with service problems.

Milton Hall Council President David Altschuler said one of the representatives, who wished to remain anonymous, thought the Hatchet article "made a sudden impact" on the office's customer service division.

Longshore, however, denied any correlation between the Hatchet article and the opening for a customer service manager, saying the plans for the new position were made well in advance of the article.

After unsuccessfully trying for almost a year to get a phone installed in the Milton Hall Council office, Altschuler wrote a memorandum urging University administrators to initiate a review of the telecommunications system.

Longshore said Altschuler's complaint was certainly valid but unusual because most customer complaints are handled within 24 hours.

"He [Altschuler] simply slipped through the cracks of the system," said Telecommunications Assistant Director Kenneth J. Soper.

Longshore and Soper said separate representatives are needed for the medical center and the University because different training is involved in each job. Although

student and administrative concerns are important, the patient care department of the medical center "always has and always will" command top priority in terms of service complaints, Longshore said.

Although the office will hire a new representative, there has been another resignation in the department. Rhonda Montague, a secretary who handled customers' initial complaints, resigned earlier in the week.

Montague could not be reached for comment, but Altschuler—who had talked to Montague previously—said she left because of stress-related reasons.

Longshore confirmed Montague's resignation but refused to comment on the situation.

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News of the World

Commie ailments

Stockholm, Sweden (AP)—Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has not been seen in public since the beginning of August because his wife Raisa became seriously ill following an appendectomy, a Swedish newspaper reported Saturday.

The Daily Expressen said prominent Soviet eye surgeon Svyatoslav Fyodorov made the revelation late Friday night to Mikael Lonn, a Swedish colleague visiting Moscow. There was no indication that Mrs. Gorbachev's purported ailment had anything to do with the eyes, however.

The paper said Mrs. Gorbachev, 53, suffered from complications in connection with an appendix operation. It said she had been seriously ill for 14 days and that Gorbachev decided to prolong his vacation to stay with her.

Expressen's report followed speculation in the West that something may have happened to the Soviet leader, who has not been seen in public since Aug. 7. One report said Gorbachev may have suffered food poisoning during a vacation along the Black Sea.

But Expressen said Gorbachev had not been ill at all and that he was now back in Moscow.

Soviet officials maintained that Gorbachev needed a long vacation after months of hard work and have repeatedly denied that anything was physically wrong with him.

Expressen quoted Lonn as saying Fyodorov told him he spoke with Gorbachev by telephone last Tuesday and that the Communist Party leader told him his wife had been in surgery because of complications from appendicitis.

The report did not say when Mrs. Gorbachev was hospitalized or give any details about her physical condition now.

Lonn heads a group of Scandinavian eye doctors studying surgical methods for nearsightedness at Fyodorov's institute, Expressen said.

Warning from the Almighty

(AP)—Republican presidential hopeful Pat Robertson cited a biblical warning against borrowing as he argued Saturday that the United States has become the "servant" of Japanese creditors.

"The Japanese now own as much as 30 percent of all the debt of the United States federal government," said Robertson, who is a television evangelist.

"The Bible says that the borrower is the servant of the lender," he said. "The United States of America should never be the servant of any nation on the face of the Earth."

Addressing a conservative women's organization in suburban Virginia, Robertson said, "In the last couple of weeks, when the Japanese began to dump United States treasury certificates and bonds on the market, interest rates went up on the homeowners in the United States of America all over this country."

Robertson was interrupted frequently by applause from the approximately 1,500 members of the Concerned Women for America as he touched on campaign themes ranging from support for school prayer to opposition to abortion.

"When elected president, I will veto any appropriation bill which includes one dime of federal money for Planned Parenthood," he promised.

He said Americans "want to see a nation that supports the family. They want a time in America when husbands love their wives and wives love their husbands and by God's grace and time when once again little children can pray in the public schools of our land."

He said Americans favor equal pay for women but also want support for women who stay home.

Robertson is scheduled to make a formal announcement of his candidacy on Thursday. A year ago he said he would run if he collected 3 million signatures supporting him.

This day in history

(AP)—Two hundred years ago, on September 28, 1787, Congress voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to the state legislatures for their approval.

In 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovered what is now San Diego, California.

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their siege of Yorktown Heights, Virginia.

In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1920, eight members of the Chicago White Sox were indicted for allegedly throwing the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds in what became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.

In 1924, two U.S. army planes landed in Seattle, Washington, having completed the first round-the-world flight. Elapsed

time: 175 days.

In 1939, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed on a plan to partition Poland in World War II.

In 1967, the District of Columbia got its first mayor—Walter Washington.

In 1972, Japan and Communist China agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations.

In 1974, First Lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following the discovery of a cancerous lump in her breast.

In 1976, Muhammad Ali kept his world heavy-weight boxing championship with a close 15-round decision over Ken Norton at New York's Yankee Stadium.

Ten years ago: five guerrillas of the Japanese Red Army seized a Japan Air Lines plane with more than 150 people aboard over India and forced the aircraft to fly to Dacca, Bangladesh.

Five years ago: President Reagan told a news conference that U.S. Marines would land in Beirut the following day and remain until Israel and Syrian forces withdrew from Lebanon.

One year ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met in New York to discuss, among other things, the case of Nicholas Daulloff, the American journalist accused by Moscow of spying.

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D.C. ACTIVISM, riding the wave of apartheid and contra aid opposition. photo by Alex DeSevo

District rally against contra aid, apartheid attracts 100 protesters

by Steve Farber
Hatchet Staff Writer

Protesters came from as far away as Baltimore and Richmond to join District residents in voicing their opposition to contra aid and to apartheid at a joint demonstration Saturday.

The rally, riding on the theme "Boycott South Africa, Not Nicaragua," was a coalition effort between the Washington area Nicaragua Information Committee (NICA) and the Shell Boycott Coalition, an anti-apartheid group opposed to Royal Dutch/Shell Oil's business in South Africa.

More than 100 protesters gathered at the contras' Washington-based office at 2623 Connecticut Ave. NW at 10 a.m. Saturday. At the beginning of the event, NICA spokesperson Wendy Bond attempted

to illustrate the similarities between the contras and the system of apartheid.

"We know that the contras enjoy no popular support in Nicaragua, just as the system of apartheid has no support from the people of South Africa," she said. "Our message is clear—no contra aid."

She further emphasized the NICA's aim to publicize the contra presence in Northwest D.C., saying the organization's goal is "to create solidarity with the people of Central America and South Africa in their struggle for self-determination and social and economic justice."

"The contras have a right to be here, but there is a definite relationship between the contras and apartheid that must be exposed," said Alexander

(See RALLY, p.8)

Freedman vetoes two recent senate actions

by Nancy Casey
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW Student Association President Adam Freedman Friday vetoed two pieces of legislation that were passed by the GW Senate last Tuesday.

Freedman vetoed a bill proposing to increase the number of representatives on the Joint Elections Committee and a resolution asking the Presidential Search Committee to consider adding a graduate student as a member.

The JEC currently consists of three members from GWUSA and one member each from the Program Board and the Marvin Center Governing Board.

The bill asked for an increase in the number of representatives on the JEC from five to seven, adding an extra member each from the PB and the MC Governing Board.

Freedman said he vetoed the bill because it violated JEC Charter section III-B, which says "this charter may not be amended or abolished except by mutual agreement" of GWUSA, the PB, and the MC Governing Board.

GWUSA Executive Vice President Chris Crowley, however, said the bill does not violate the charter because it only "proposes" changes in the JEC. In a memo to Freedman yesterday, Crowley asked him to "reconsider" the bill.

If Freedman does not change his mind, Crowley said, the senate would have "no trouble" getting

enough votes to override the veto.

Freedman said he was "not going to reconsider" the bill. If his veto is overridden, the senate must still approach the Governing Board and PB about making the change, he said.

Freedman said he was not sure if the PB and Governing Board would approve such a change.

Freedman vetoed the resolution asking the Presidential Search Committee to consider adding a graduate student to its membership because the committee is "too far along in the process," he said.

The committee is responsible for selecting a replacement for GW President Lloyd H. Elliott, who will retire effective June 30, 1988.

The resolution intended to make the committee, which has only one undergraduate member, more fairly represented by the students, Law School Senator Bill Koch said. Freedman currently is the only student representative on the committee.

All students will have ample opportunity to voice their opinions about the candidates, Freedman said. Although it is not definite, the final group of candidates "will be brought to campus and students will have a chance to see them," he said.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS, compiled by the Student Activities Office, is a listing of events at the George Washington University. If your department or registered organization wishes to publicize an upcoming event or meeting, just stop by Marvin Center 427 and ask to fill out a **CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS** card. Deadline for submission is noon on Wednesdays for Monday publications. The Student Activities Office encourages your organization to take advantage of this free publicity, in order to ensure a comprehensive listing of on-campus activities.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

9/28: • The GW Review art and literary magazine invites all interested students, faculty, and staff to submit material and/or join the staff. Meeting tonight; phone Roman 994-9567 for time and location.

9/28: • Zionist Alliance supper meeting. Come and bring your dinner and speak Hebrew. Info: Beverly 676-3049, Adam 994-9666. 6 pm, MC 401.

9/29: • Society of Professional Journalists/SDX open house. Everyone is welcome. Info: Michele 994-9575. 8 pm, Stuart 301.

9/30: • Wellness Resource Center "Health Fair". Info: Susan Lewis 994-6927. Noon-6 pm, Smith Center Main Arena.

9/30: • Counseling Center Study Skills Seminar: Reading to Remember Content. Please bring a textbook for practice. Info: 994-6550. 4-5:30 pm, MC 410.

9/30: • Career Services Center workshop "Effective Interviewing". Info: 994-6496. 4-6:30 pm, Acad Cen T509.

9/30: • SEHD Dean's Undergraduate Student Advisory Council meeting. Meet SEHD faculty and learn about some of the opportunities offered to SEHD students. Info: Beth Ann Hooper 676-2562. 7 pm, University Club.

9/30: • GWU Pre-Law Society open house and meeting. Meet and greet new officers and members, set goals and plans for new year. Refreshments will be served. Info: Andrea Darlow, VP 333-5710. 7:30-9:30 pm, MC 501.

9/30: • Zionist Alliance "What's Going On In Israel This Week?" Info: Beverly 676-3049, Adam 994-9666. 8 pm, MC 406.

9/30: • Program Board meeting. New members welcome. Info: Sue Fish 994-7313. 8:15 pm, MC 429.

10/1: • Career Services workshop "Letters and Resumes". Info: 994-6496. 12:30-2 pm, Acad Cen T509.

10/1: • Study Abroad meeting with representative from the University of Bath, England. Info: Jennifer Wright 994-6242. 3:30 pm, Stuart 108.

10/2: • American Medical

Women's Association health update "Nutrition and Eating Disorders" presented by Dr. Joan Barber. Info: L. Fadell 356-5295. Noon-1 pm, Ross Hall 101.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Wellness Resource Center Low Impact Aerobics. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:10-2 pm. Info: 994-6927. Bldg. K Gym.

Tuesday and Thursday
International Shotokan Karate. Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-10:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am-12 noon in MC 410 and 415. Info: Fred 521-5738. MC 410/415.

Wednesday

Departments of Classics and Religion informal reading of the New Testament in Greek at leisurely pace - bring lunch if you wish. Info: Robert Jones 994-6325. 12:30-1:30 pm Bldg. O 102A.

Counseling Center offers the Miller Analogies Test with two weeks advance appointment. Fee \$30. Info: 994-4860. Counseling Center, 718 21st Street, N.W.

Thursday

International Student Society coffee hour. 4:00-7:00 pm. Bldg. D.

NOTICES

Exhibit "Graphic Designers: Visual Communication Alumni" at the Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisner through October 8th. Info: Myra

Merritt 994-1525.

Performers and helpers wanted for productions on October 23rd and November 13th. Project P.A.I.R. (Performers and Artists in Residence). Info: Doina 676-3091.

Judo Club. Everyone invited, beginners to advanced players, for fitness, self-defense, and lots of fun. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Info: Tom Jackson 462-6737.

Wooden Teeth, an arts and literary magazine, is now accepting submissions and new staff members. For further information phone Maimun Khan at 676-2135.

"Fed Up With Bingeing", a group for students who binge and purge, is being formed by the Counseling Center. If you are interested in this group or learning more about eating disorders, contact one of the group's leaders, Juarlyn Gaiter and Ron Shectman, at 994-6550.

"Concerned About Your Drug or Alcohol Use?", sponsored by the Counseling Center, is looking for new members. If you would like to participate in this group or know of someone who would like some information about it, contact one of the group's leaders, Debbie Wilson or T. Thorne Wiggers. Counseling Center, 994-6550.

Groups of "Adult Children of Parental Who Drink" are forming at the Counseling Center. Contact Zsuzsanna Gyorky or Lynn

Hamerling at 994-6550.

Catalogs for the Counseling Center's *Personal Development Series* and for its *Ongoing Groups* are available at the Center, 718 21st Street, NW, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. They can also be found at locations around campus, or you can call 994-6550.

The Committee on the Judicial System wishes to solicit comments from interested members of the University community, regarding the proposed Code of Non-Academic Student Conduct, to be submitted to the Faculty Senate. The proposed Code would replace the current system for adjudicating incidents of student misconduct.

If you would like to address the Committee, you may do so on Friday, October 9, from 9:30-11:30 am. Please contact Richard Weitner, Assistant to the Dean for Judicial Affairs, x47211, to arrange for a specific time to speak. The Committee will also accept written comments until October 9. Copies of the proposed Code are available in the Office of Judicial Affairs, Suite 403, Rice Hall.

Editorials

Budget bull

And now, for your reading pleasure, we provide yet another profound Hatchet maxim. Facts are facts and rhetoric is bullshit. (Kind of gets you all choked up, doesn't it?) Case in point—the trials and tribulations of the Reagan administration's unsuccessful attempts to balance the federal budget.

First, the bullshit. When President Reagan was candidate Reagan, the Gipper campaigned on a platform that promised a balanced federal budget. Much rhetoric was spewed by Reagan about the many dangers of deficits and of Carter's responsibility for generating huge budget deficits.

Now the facts. Since Reagan entered office, the nation's debt has nearly tripled—the deficit problem has become a national crisis, a crisis, quite simply, that Reagan is primarily responsible for engendering. Reagan reacts to these facts either by ignoring their reality or by trying to place the onus on Congress and/or past presidential administrations.

The same old Reagan rhetoric/bullshit was regurgitated once again this past weekend when the president flatly rejected cuts in defense spending and tax hikes as a means of reducing the frightening deficit. But the facts clearly show that without making cuts in defense spending and adopting new revenue-generating (not revenue-neutral) measures, the country will continue down its current path toward the economic armageddon.

With the military spending hikes that the country has experienced in the Reagan years and with a Democratic House and Senate vigorously in control of the Hill (and boosted by the Iran-contra scandal), social spendings cuts on the scale needed to slash the deficit are simply not practical. Reagan needs to wake up to this political reality and start to work closely with Congress in an attempt to redress the deficit problem. Simply hiding behind a veil of stale rhetoric without offering any reasonable solutions will only guarantee America a bleak economic future.

The right direction

In its selection of a new president, the University seeks to continue on the road toward enhancing our academic position in the world of higher education.

The Presidential Search Committee recently released its report assessing GW's current status and outlining "where we want to go, and whom we want to lead us there." The University can be commended first for recognizing the major problems which face this school, second for proposing some major initiatives to resolve these problems and third for recognizing the vast importance of the new president in determining whether we actually succeed in achieving these rather ambitious goals.

For instance, the Search Committee lists as an important credential for the new president the desire and commitment to increase the geographical and ethnic diversity of GW. While the goal of greater diversity is certainly nothing new, the University is showing a dramatically increased interest in this crucial step toward improvement.

Similarly, in listing as one of its candidate criteria the commitment "to improving the contribution of a rich campus life experience to the well-rounded education of students," the trustees are demonstrating that they are increasingly willing to pay less attention to financial matters and more attention to matters of student concern.

While these revelations are not as timely as they could have been, we can hardly complain now that they're here, and we can congratulate the University on at last seeing the light.

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Letters to the editor

Understanding

This letter is in response to Robert Babcock and Todd Evans' letter (The GW Hatchet, Sept. 21) regarding the recent controversy over the use of promotional flyers.

Essentially, the letter states: why mess with a good time, especially if it's "harmless?" The letter excuses responsibility. On the contrary, students at GW are preparing for the real world, and part of what is inherent in the college experience is community responsibility—specifically, not taking pleasure at the expense of others. It is this form of subtle racism and sexism which is pervasive in our society. To ask someone to "temper" their response to the college community or within their own "select" group is to ask them to deny their own values and pride. To quote Martin Luther King Jr., "It is hardly a moral act to encourage others patiently to accept injustice which he himself does not endure."

There are ways to promote parties and enjoy life while not doing so at the expense of others. Are "good times" and "social light-heartedness" exclusive to the denigration of others?

More important, when you see a dissenting view, step back and look at it for what it is—an attempt to reach a measure of understanding.

The fraternity in question has moved in this direction. Delta Tau Delta has agreed to participate in a workshop to deal with campus problems. There is no better forum than a workshop for all involved to voice opinions and reach an understanding.

-J.D. Thompson

-President, Black Peoples Union

Right to rights

My intent in writing a letter in response to "Flip Side," (The GW Hatchet, Sept. 21) is not to run to the defense of extremist views in Israel, nor am I attacking the fanatical factions that are a

part of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Instead, I would like to wholeheartedly agree with Akram Kharroubi in that "rights" are not human rights if they don't apply to everyone." That includes Israel recognizing the Palestinian right to self-determination, and equally important, the Palestinians recognizing the state of Israel. I write this because in the letter, Israel was written in quotation marks.

Human rights apply to everyone, and that's why the Israeli government and the PLO (considered to be the representative movement of the Palestinian people) must both condemn terrorism and put an end to killings of civilians at the hands of extremist elements in both nations.

Finally, when the PLO and Israel can sit down together and talk, they can end the inaccurate images of the imperialistic, blood-thirsty Israeli soldier and the fanatical, blood-thirsty Palestinian terrorist. Then they can present to the world an image of two peoples working together to come up with a peaceful solution and make the big steps toward human rights.

Israelis and Palestinians have made grave mistakes in the past. I believe it's time to use those lessons as a basis from which to move forward, toward peace.

-Sara Solomon

Hail Scharansky

Has Natan Scharansky gone from the oppressed to the oppressor?

In his response to the Sept. 21 GW Hatchet article concerning Natan Scharansky's recent visit to Washington, Mr. Akram Kharroubi tries to draw the above conclusion. Due to mistaken facts and false information, his conclusion is unfounded.

Mr. Kharroubi asserts that Avital Scharansky (Natan Scharansky's wife) is a member of the Gush Emunim, a political group within Israel. Mr. and Mrs. Scharansky neither belong nor lend their name to any political

groups that exist within the state of Israel. The Israeli government does not condone any terrorist activities, and both Israeli and Arab terrorists are subject to the same criminal laws. Furthermore, all Arabs born within the state of Israel are full citizens, the section of land Mr. Kharroubi refers to as the West Bank is a territory of Israel and its official status has not yet been decided.

The Soviet Union, a communist totalitarian regime, is uncomparable to the democratic state of Israel. The human rights violations inflicted on political prisoners in the Soviet Union are not comparable to the political problems that exist within the state of Israel. In his speech to students of the Washington area, Mr. Scharansky emphasized the fact that political prisoners held in the Soviet Union are treated far worse than those convicted of other crimes. The reason for Scharansky's torture, isolation and harassment was only his desire to leave the Soviet Union and to be united with his family in a free nation: to study, to speak and to believe freely.

Natan Scharansky has not gone from being the oppressed to the oppressor. In his limited time in the West (a little over a year), he has looked into the situation on the West Bank and is anxious to find a solution. It is unfortunate that Mr. Kharroubi does not respect the triumph of one man and his incredible desire for freedom. Scharansky stands for the freedom of the remaining refuseniks (Jews refused visas) and for all those who desire to leave the oppressive nation of the Soviet Union.

Natan Scharansky is a symbol of what the desire for freedom is truly about.

-Beverly M. Wolfer

Inside out

Steven Teles' piece on abortion (The GW Hatchet, Sept. 21) raises many questions and stark objections. Abortion is clearly "some type of women's rights question," and a life that can be readily (See LETTERS, p.5)

Opinion

Oil or U.S. soldiers? For what are we fighting?

Somewhere in the Persian Gulf, after tracking an Iranian ship for nearly five minutes, the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan locks its radar-guided firing system on the target. Seconds later, twin 16-inch guns propel their massive shells at the enemy vessel and destroy it. Mission accomplished. "Peace will come soon," remarks a White House spokesman.

Sounds familiar? It should. Don't be surprised if we see a situation like the battle narrated above. Current U.S. foreign policy toward Iran and Iraq is a royal mess.

Let's start from the beginning. Most of Japan's oil and a small percentage of ours travels through the Persian Gulf. Iran and Iraq, according to the president, are endangering that supply because of their tanker war. If the supply of oil is reduced, prices will rise.

Now things get complicated. Since Japan depends on Arab oil significantly more than we do, it is our role to keep the supply going in order to insure low oil prices for them. Wrong! If Japan needs us to defend ships full of their oil, they ought to pay us for the protection. One day we hear complaints of a trade deficit with Japan running into the billions. The next day we send 20,000 of our best fighting men to protect their economy. From now on, Japan, the U.S. should start mailing a bill

for our services. If you don't think that we're worth a couple of million dollars an hour to obtain oil for you, then you'd better start using battery-operated Toyotas. We're not coming to rescue you this time.

One major ingredient is missing from our current policy: the logic of market forces. Iran and Iraq don't sell oil to be nice guys; they do it for the money. And like all good capitalists—which for the most part Iran and Iraq are when they sell oil—they understand the importance of protecting their product on its way to the market.

Mitch Wander

They don't need our help to do that; they are smart enough to know when to use their own navies. What makes someone at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue believe that Iran and Iraq would even allow the flow of oil to stop? Selling Persian rugs isn't enough to keep a national economy going, and certainly not one that must support a war.

Rumor has it that we are beginning the largest build-up of our naval fleet since the Vietnam War. All this to to carry out a "peace-keeping mission" in the Persian Gulf. Last time I heard, peace is not

watching a war go on for several years and then proceeding to walk into the crossfire. Are they really going to stop shooting if we sail into the Persian Gulf with the American flag flying high and say, "It's time for peace, kiddies. Put down your guns so we can all go home and have some oil." Hell no! They're going to shoot us. Then we shoot back and eventually there are three players in the war. That's peace?

It's definitely easy to sit back here in college and comment on the American war in the Persian Gulf (it is a war as far as I'm concerned). On our ships, however, are soldiers—real live people. They go to sleep each night with the possibility of an Exocet missile slamming the side of their ship's hull at any moment. Of course they'd never know what hit them, but that's beside the point. They would still come home in a casket. Then when the relatives tell the story of their 19-year-old who died at sea, what would they say? "Johnny was a fine boy who would do anything for his country. He was killed last year while ensuring a supply of oil for us and future generations." Oil? No life is worth a couple of dollars decrease in the price of a barrel of oil. It's time we asked ourselves for what we're fighting.

Finally, who appointed us world police? It's amazing that a small country like

Kuwait can call out our armed forces whenever they please. A suitable plan would involve all major powers working out an agreement on how to stop the war. We are not the United Nations (how thankful I am of that).

On the more optimistic side, the situation has improved over previous military conflicts. In Lebanon, our defense was unloaded guns and a stop sign in front of our military barracks to repel fanatics with car bombs. Now, we have the world's strongest naval fleet ready to obliterate anything that goes near it. Unfortunately, we had to experience the attack on the U.S.S. Stark before we understood that Iran and Iraq are serious.

The U.S. must understand the dangerous situation in the Gulf. If we plan to stay, a costly war is the inevitable result. It is time for the president and Congress to together work out an effective policy for the region. Mr. Reagan, in particular, has been taking a "look after you leap" attitude in using our military. I agree that occasional military force is necessary. But it appears that Ronnie "Rambo" Reagan thinks that the world is one big war movie with us as the star.

Mitch Wander is a freshman majoring in Economics.

Law and order in Latin America—a martial matter?

A year ago, Peruvian novelist Marcos Vargas Llosa told a French magazine about his hopes for democracy in South America. Instability and political turmoil would disappear for a long time, Vargas said. He was referring to the fall of dictatorships and the advent of democratic regimes throughout Latin America. Now Vargas is leading a campaign in his country against a regime he says could acquire dictatorial powers if it went through with its plan for nationalizing the banking system. And some observers note that the turmoil generated by this battle could pave the way for civil war and possibly even a new era of military dictatorship.

What is happening in Peru is regrettable, but the same thing is taking place in more than one country in Latin America. In Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Ecuador, the poor economic situation has created widespread political dissent, which often coincides with the awakening of the military. Until recently, the military's power has been checked by the civilian governments in most of these countries. Now people

believe that political instability could bring the generals back to power.

Peruvian President Alan Garcia wants to nationalize the 20 percent of the country's banking system still under private ownership. Certainly, one can disagree with him on this matter. Garcia says that he wants to open more lines of credit for the poor and the peasants. One can hardly see how his project could significantly

Robert Daguiard

improve the lot of the poor, since most of the banking system is already state-owned. What is interesting, though, is that the president's opposition is attempting to depict him as a tyrant, to stall his program. Certain newspapers have compared him to Mussolini. Barely two years after Garcia took office, his opponents are already talking about forcing him to resign. That such a radical (by Latin American and most other standards) program should worry the middle classes is not surpris-

ing. But the political tempest created is bad for Peruvian democracy. Each side is partly correct, but refuses to recognize that the other could be correct, too. The poor could certainly use any aid the government could give them. Yet, it is true that the government's control over the Peruvian economy would be immense and, perhaps, excessive.

The fact remains that the economic and social situation in several Latin American countries is the main reason for today's instability in that region. Therefore, the area's governments are correct in trying to reduce its country's deficits and poverty rates. The main cause for the massive debts in several nations is the fact that governments overborrowed after capital flowed out of their countries in the 1970s. There is neither lack of money nor lack of resources in Latin America, yet because of the insistence of the privileged classes on putting their money in foreign bank accounts, today's governments are in the red up to their necks. Many have not dared to prevent the exit of capital for fear

of retaliation by the army, a very conservative force in most Latin American countries. They should have the courage to insist that all citizens contribute to their country's recoveries according to their means.

Most countries have not overcome their fear of the military and have had to implement drastic austerity plans instead of pushing for land reform and more serious taxation. Of course, the situation in countries like Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina is so critical that austerity plans would have been needed anyway. But the errors of the past have not helped the situation, neither politically nor economically. This month, Argentinian voters elected a Peronist (populist) majority to the country's parliament. The Peronist movement, which is more than 40 years old, opposes the austerity plan of President Raul Alfonsín, a universally respected statesman. Yet, observers say the Peronists have no concrete alternative program of government. They simply won by exploiting discontent against Alfonsín. They could probably

not be a good governing party nowadays; the indebted and impoverished Argentina of today is far from the rich and prosperous Argentina of 1946 (the year General Peron, the movement's founder, came to power). With a president and a congress on different sides of the barrier and with the specter of instability looming over the country, the military could step in and try to take power again.

The military is a force for stability in South America. The best solution for many countries on this continent would be to give (or to try to give—this is by no means easy) the command of the armies to progressive army officers who, like in the Philippines or in Portugal, could give their support to democratic governments. These regimes could undertake the economic and social reforms needed to stave off revolutions. This would be hard, but not necessarily impossible. It has been done before; it should be tried in Latin America.

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and a life that can be readily sustained outside a woman's body is quite different from one that cannot.

I would not include the process of cutting open a woman's body to take out a fetus that could be medically sustained under my definition of "readily." Nor would I exclude it from the applicable range of the category "women's rights questions."

I'll stick to a few of the more practical questions. Let's assume that the issue should indeed "never go beyond [that]

of human life," and that the law should follow medical standards of when a fetus could be kept alive if taken from a woman's body and force women to undergo surgery to remove fetuses at this stage. Then would Mr. Teles support the use of public resources to pay for the operations and the care of the fetuses through their development into infants and beyond if they were not quickly adopted? Or is his point that the law would require a woman to carry a fetus past this stage to term, since "in principle" it

could be sustained outside her body (since it could be kept alive outside her body she must keep it inside her body)? There are more complexities in the women's lives than are dreamt of in your philosophy, Mr. Teles.

-Beth Goodell

United we boot

This letter is in response to the article entitled "Kelly and Co. Topple Nassau" (The GW Hatchet, Sept. 21). The women's soccer team deeply

appreciates the coverage and publicity from this publication, however, we are concerned with the misrepresentation of the headline. We are a group of 24 players that play as a team. It takes 11 players on the field working together to win games, not one. No one can dispute the fact that Diane Kelly knows how to score goals and that she does it frequently, but so can the other seven forwards on the team.

Two years ago, the GW women's soccer team consisted of a group of individuals. We

also had a record of 3-11-1. Last year we came together for our first winning season at 12-10, and this year, with a lot of hard work, we are off to a terrific 5-2 start with hopes of a top-20 ranking.

In all my 12 years of soccer, I have never felt such unity on a team. In one month, 24 players have come to know each other very well, and when it comes down to the final whistle, whether we win or lose, we've done it as a team—TOGETHER!

-Suzy Weil

Commentary

A progressive's perspective

Reagan's Gulf policy could boost Soviets

Now that we have cleared the little problem with the picture associated with this column (for details see The GW Hatchet, Sept. 21), let's talk about international politics. The U.S. Navy's recent skirmish with an Iranian ship has made Reagan administration policy look very good.

That we were able to catch those mullahs in the act of laying mines is not something to be taken lightly, nor should it be criticized. George Shultz was so convinced that we had done the right thing that he even trotted out international law as the rationale. In fact, much of the international community has endorsed our action, and even the Soviets seemed reasonably pleased and probably wish they had done it first.

Yet this recent success in the Persian Gulf does not cover the basic policy fiasco for which this administration is responsible. In 1958, American preeminence in the Persian Gulf region suddenly fell apart along with

the Eisenhower-engineered Central Treaty Organization (CENTO). Events of the past year indicate that we may be headed down that road again.

Why do I always have to be so glum about these things? First, Reagan policy initiatives have virtually ruled us out as a possible mediator in the war between Iran and Iraq. The United States is *officially* neutral in the war. Yeah, that's the ticket. The Iranians certainly don't trust us any farther than they can hit us with a silkworm missile.

Jon Kessler

The State Department has tried to cozy up to Mr. Hussein of Iraq. We're guarding his allies' oil. We have been very polite; George Shultz would probably deliver flowers and candy to his doorstep if it would help. But Hussein seems to be a cold fish. And no wonder, Ollie North and Co. sent weaponry to Iran, and the super secret National Security Agency has apparently sent Hussein falsified intelligence data.

The final straw might, ironically enough, have been the injection of U.S. Naval power into the Gulf region. Although U.S. attempts to stop the war were going nowhere before the ships rolled in, our appearance on the horizon might have convinced both Iranians and Iraqis to find another mediator. And who might that be? I'll give you a hint—it wasn't United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. He was unable to bring top level officials in either country closer to a settlement.

That leaves, of course, those sneaky Russians. Indeed, The Washington Post

reports this week that the warring gulf nations are talking secretly in Moscow, a surprising development considering that the common wisdom in Washington is that the Ayatollahs hate the Soviets about as much as they do the Great Satan—America. But the Russians seem to have done an excellent job of playing both sides against the middle in the Gulf.

Of course, they are the principle arms supplier to Iraq. But in addition, they have been making quiet moves toward the Iranians in the past few months, including the sale of some equipment through North Korea (from where the mines are coming) and Libya. American actions have not been so subtle. In terms that President Reagan could understand, the massive buildup of American force in the area, intended to keep out Soviet influence, might be the whip that drives both Iraq and Iran into the waiting paws of the Russian bear.

Thought I couldn't write that kind of stuff, did you? Well, there are some who would say that neither of those two nations are our friends anyway, so who really cares? If only life were so easy! Looking on with understandable interest are the oil states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, from very important Saudi Arabia to smaller sheikdoms. The GCC hasn't exactly rallied around the cause of the administration, despite huge grants of aid and American military men to protect them from the war. And it's not because the Emirs had a bad batch of coos-coos at their last conference.

Many of these states are vulnerable to the Iranian brand of revolutionary fundamentalism. Though planners at the State Department seem well aware of this danger, they have chosen to combat it militarily. In

the apparently unanimous judgement of the GCC states, guns will not save them from the fate of the shahs. The Kuwaitis elected not to base Americans on their territory, despite the fact that they have almost no means of combatting the threat from the Iranian army, only miles from their borders. And the Saudis, traditionally our best friends in the region, haven't been much help. Only the Bahrainis were kind enough to even let our military helicopters land on their soil (one crashed, killing several crew members).

The Iranians have accomplished their goal of intimidating these states into inaction in the war. Yet the disaster that lies in wait for the U.S. is the possibility of the Russians actually succeeding in getting a peace treaty to end the war.

Clearly, they would gain clout with both Iran and Iraq. But the biggest gains would be with the staunchly anti-communist GCC, which would owe the Soviets a tremendous debt for lifting at least the imminent threat of the Iranians. Soviet influence in the area would be higher than it has ever been, and American prestige lower than at any time since the Suez crisis and the disintegration of CENTO in the mid-1950s.

What is truly unfortunate is that American political strategy only succeeds if the war continues. When a solution to the Gulf war is inevitably found, Americans will not be able to take credit for any part of it. You can bet that, sure as big guys eat-butts, they're watching and praying over at the White House for the ramparts to continue galantly streaming across the Gulf.

Jon Kessler's commentary appears each Monday in The GW Hatchet.



Reflections of a realist

President scores coup by reflagging tankers

My esteemed, progressive colleague, in his "glum" portrayal of recent events in the Iran-Iraq War, leaves me no choice but to defend American actions there and look with hope, rather than dread, into the prospects for a peaceful resolution of this eight-year conflict.

It is bitterly ironic that America was ultimately drawn into the conflict by accident. Yes, the attack on the USS Stark was an accident, not some cruel plot by the Iraqis to gain revenge on America because of the Reagan administration's misguided arms-for-hostages deal with Iran. Anyone who really believes this Reagan-bashing drivel should look into purchasing some ocean-front property in Iowa. (Jon, in all fairness, you get first dibs.) In the age of modern naval warfare, when weapons are fired at targets that are never visually identified, sometimes the wrong people are hit and killed. Tragic as it may be, our foreign policy seems to require that Americans must first be killed before the U.S. will take action to protect them.

Prior to the attack on the Stark,

Americans and American policy makers had treated the war lightly. Among the general populace the horrible stories of human rights abuses on both sides, the accounts of the brutality of the fighting and even the Ayatollah Khomeini's foolish rhetoric served only as a minor distraction to other events of the day. The policy that allowed ships such as the Stark to sail alone in the war zone, regardless of the fact that it

Christopher Preble

was international water, is an excellent indication of such attitudes.

The world had allowed these two nations to fight amongst themselves for nearly a decade. While oil flow was not greatly hindered and the risks to vessels transporting the oil were not insurmountable, most nations of the world resisted the temptation to help negotiate a truce. In a bizarre sense, the world allowed these two gladiators to battle it out. The Iraqis, aided by Western and Soviet technology, were able to counter Iran's significant numerical advantage, and the war

dragged on.

The Stark incident changed all this. Suddenly, the war was a major concern, and American policy makers, intent upon preventing another accident, determined that our involvement was essential to ending to the conflict. Most important, a concrete policy—the reflagging of Kuwaiti tankers—was developed not only to justify our presence there but also to define for our naval commanders their role in the region.

Finally and slowly, the attention of the rest of the world has been drawn to the Gulf region. Our allies, most notably France and Great Britain, have come to assist us in our efforts by protecting their own vessels while at the same time keeping a watchful eye on both sides lest they further endanger the lives of men on-board neutral ships.

Although some people (the gentleman to my left, for example) would have you believe that Soviet influence in the area was and is our primary concern, common sense should indicate this was not the case. First of all, how can anyone logically expect

that the U.S., located thousands of miles away from the Gulf, would ever have more influence in the region than the Soviets, who can literally march into the conflict. Second, at this stage in the conflict, who really believes that any peace settlement, regardless of who serves as chief negotiator, could ever be detrimental to the interests of the U.S. and her allies? The human and economic costs that have taken their toll on both sides—not to mention the dangers posed to neutral shipping as I have already stated—combine to make peace, at any cost, our prime concern.

The U.S. policy to reflag Kuwaiti tankers, in retrospect, seems perfectly legitimate now, regardless of how ill-advised it may have seemed three months ago. U.S. warships, operating in international waters and protecting the interests of a nation that lacks the means to defend itself, caught the Iranians laying mines in international waters, in flagrant violation of international law.

Now, for the first time, the United Nations seems prepared to enact an arms embargo against both nations. This alone will not

stop the conflict, and more must be done to ensure that neither side gains the upper hand, but such pressure is an important start toward bringing an end to this horrible war. Inevitably, much of the credit for such an end will be afforded the U.S., which helped to attract and to polarize world opinion in support of a resolution.

Christopher Preble's commentary appears each Monday in The GW Hatchet.



Two GW students discuss crises in Poland

by Denise Meringolo
Hatchet Staff Writer

Two GW students who studied abroad in Poland last year spoke Wednesday in the Marvin Center about their experiences in a country plagued by worsening economic conditions and citizen dissatisfaction with the Communist government.

Julie Moffett and Kim MacDerment talked at a meeting of Students for Solidarity.

"I never met a single student who expressed faith or hope or belief in the Communist Party," said Moffett, who attended

Warsaw University.

Government oppression keeps anti-communist talk in Poland in check, she said, although underground publishing and meetings do exist.

"Poetry readings" where the only poetry read is anti-government were one of the few times students could exchange ideas opposing communism, Moffett said. Here, accurate and harsh words, either verbal or in print, could be circulated among each other, she said.

Polish students, however, are not alone in their views.

MacDerment said most professors she met at Catholic University in Lublin, Poland, did not support the communist cause. Communist-Socialist theories are stressed in the classroom, though, because courses must be approved by the government's Ministry of Education in Warsaw, she said.

Professors who dared to speak out during the early stages of Solidarity were fired or imprisoned, MacDerment said. As a result, teachers and students have more open discussions at private parties or meetings because the classroom atmosphere is so strict,

she said.

Catholicism also is seen as a threat to the government's power, Moffett said. Students recognize more authority in church leaders than they do in government officials, according to an underground survey she cited.

The Solidarity movement, outlawed by the Polish government in 1981, is "still very alive and very active," MacDerment said. "They [the students] will use any opportunity that they can to show that it is still alive."

The movement's supporters see recent policy changes by Soviet

leader Mikhail Gorbachev as a sign of hope for internal changes, Moffett said, but some students remain skeptical because they can remember a less difficult time.

"Back in the mid-1970s, things were pretty good, economically speaking, in Poland ... Poles don't even want what we have in the West. They just want a return to what they had," MacDerment said.

Many Polish people "see the U.S. as being the only lifeline to help," Moffett said. Polish people love President Reagan because "he stands up to the Russians."

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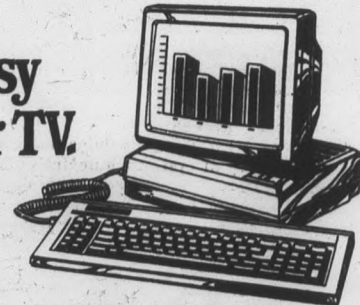
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benefitting from the Board of Trustees in attaining GW's priorities.

The Board of Trustees also outlined the principle objectives for the agenda of the next president. They include enhancing the quality of the academic program, particularly in the Columbian

College of Arts and Sciences, and increasing both GW's diversity and community, primarily by leveling its draw from "a predominantly white, mid-Atlantic population" and better integrating international students into campus life.

GW Student Association President Adam Freedman, the student representative on the committee, commended the board's guidelines and said, "GW will be better for it... Dr. Elliott did a lot for the University and the next president also can take us a long way."

The committee is chaired by L. Stanley Crane, a GW trustee and chief executive officer of Conrail. Other members include Trustee Oliver T. Carr, Trustee Lyn H. Clark, Trustee Nancy B. Dudley, Trustee Thaddeus A. Lindner, Trustee John T. Sapienza, Trustee Robert H. Smith, Professor of Engineering and Applied Science Walter K. Kahn, Professor of Medicine and Pathology Lawrence S. Lessin, Professor of Law Peter Raven-Hansen and Vice President of the General Alumni Association Thomas V. Lydon.

Five named to CCAS liberal arts board

by Sharyn Wizda
Hatchet Staff Writer

Columbian College Dean Clara M. Lovett named five members to a special Advisory Board on Liberal Arts Education at an inaugural dinner Thursday, Sept. 17.

The board, Lovett said in a press release, will meet formally on campus twice a month with Lovett and other selected members of the GW faculty to serve as advisers on appropriate methods of preparing students for post-graduate study and leadership roles in the liberal arts and science fields.

Lovett would not comment further on the matter.

GW Student Association President Adam Freedman said the board will enable students, faculty and graduates to discuss different aspects of education in a liberal arts school.

Board members, representing

successful products of GW's liberal arts education, will provide insight into the specific areas of education that will most benefit students in finding success after graduation, Freedman said.

"It's an excellent idea," he said. "It will help students come to an understanding that a liberal arts education can help one become a success not only in an individual field but in life as well."

The five board members—Dr. Elaine El-Khawas, vice president for research at the American Council on Education; Edward Masters, president of the National Planning Association; Jerome Perlmutter, a public relations executive; Jacob Stein, senior partner in the law firm of Stein, Mitchell, and Mezzines; and John Thorne III, an advertising executive—were not available for comment.

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Brun, a member of the GW Progressive Student Union. Brun was one of five GW students who attended the rally.

The contra office is located on the second floor of a small, four-story building, directly above an Indian restaurant. Several demonstrators wrote "Stop the Murder, Stop the Lies" on the door leading to the office, and "Victory to the Sandinistas!" was spray painted on the sidewalk.

NICA member John Franklin spoke at the rally and denounced covert U.S. actions in support of the contras. "The U.S. government has been reduced to secret, illegal activities at the top level to pursue its war against Nicaragua," he said.

After an hour of picketing at the contra offices, the demonstrators formed a caravan of approximately 40 cars, which was escorted by local police to Shell's Washington office at 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW. Participants blared their horns during the ride and decorated their cars with signs reading "Stop Apartheid, Boycott Shell."

The point of the rally changed focus to the plight of black workers in South Africa as some protesters cried out "Free Nelson Mandela now," referring to the imprisoned South African labor leader.

The featured speaker at the anti-apartheid segment of the rally was Diode Walden, chairperson of the D.C. Shell Boycott Coalition. The boycott has already been recognized by more than 50 labor unions and trade organizations, she said.

"It is Shell Oil that is used to fuel the government and military vehicles that aid in the beating and oppression of the public," Walden said.

"Support the legitimate government of Nicaragua," she added. "Stop apartheid, boycott Shell."

South African Support Project spokesman Maurice Alexander voiced his satisfaction with the event's turnout, saying "I think we have successfully and effectively expressed our views here today."

Saturday's rallies were not marked by violence or appearances from opposition groups. Contra and Shell Oil officials were unavailable for comment.

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Project PAIRs GW's talent with audience

by Sue Hryb
Hatchet Staff Writer

Ever wish you had a bigger audience to perform in front of besides your mirror?

Several talented GW students had the chance to sing, act and tell jokes to fellow students Friday night when Project PAIR (Performers and Artists in Residence) presented its annual "Evening of the Arts" in Riverside Cafe.

Ten acts, performed by GW undergraduate and graduate students, entertained the supportive audience members while they colored paper tablecloths with crayons and munched on popcorn.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide a forum for the GW talent community," said PAIR Chairperson Doina Blendea. The shows serve as an outlet for performers who would not participate in more formal shows for various reasons, she said.

"It's a fantastic experience for both audience and performers," she said. "With an open mike, some really beautiful things come out."

The evening's acts included Tangled Up in Blues, a band that played classic rock tunes. Dana Silverman and Alisa Lewis performed dramatic monologues and David Itkin, a PAIR veteran,

sang and played folk music as most of the audience joined him.

Jeff Bucs and John Kiriakou played the piano, and Dana Mellecker, a resident assistant for Crawford Hall, juggled for the cheering crowd. Matt Weiss provided laughs during his stand-up comic routine.

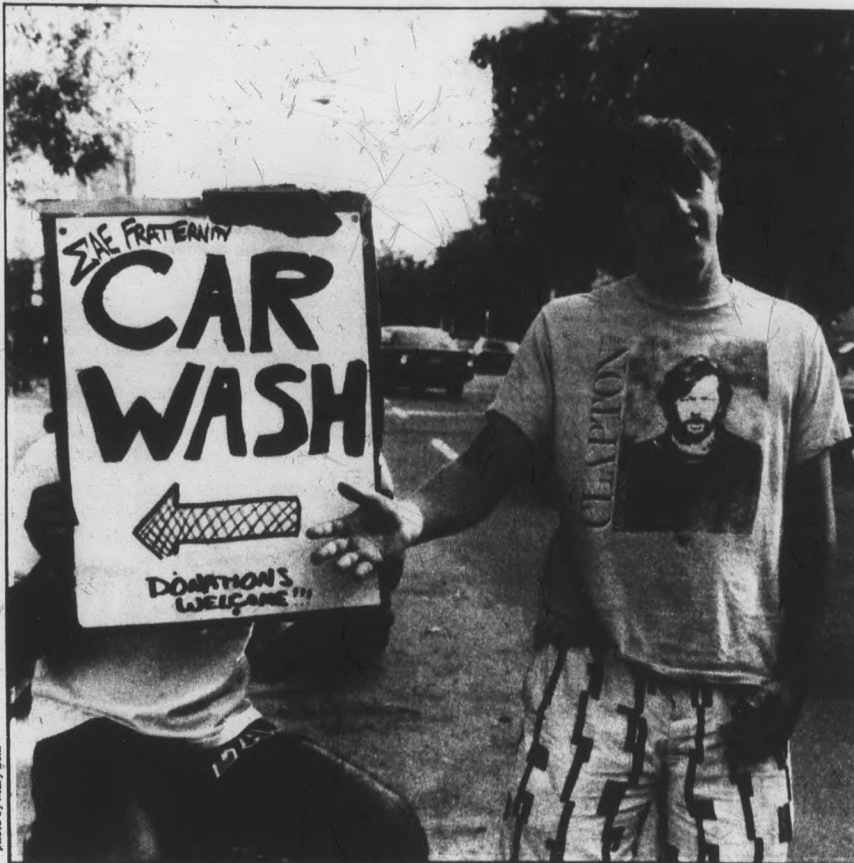
The evening marked the second year the show has been held in Riverside Cafe. Blendea said she was pleased with the intimate, friendly atmosphere it provided.

"The setting is great," Weiss said. "The audience is warm and receptive and it's very good for developing material."

Reverend Bill Crawford, director of the Ecumenical Christian Ministry, emceed the event. Crawford, known for his involvement in the spring fundraiser Kitchen Aid, said the two events differ because PAIR gives students a chance to perform without the pressure of a big audience.

"It seems like less of an event and more of a community," he said. "This show is just another example of the potential and talent around GW."

Blendea, a graduate student who has organized the shows for the past two years, said she hopes to hold monthly forums sponsored by PAIR.



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Smith Center to host GW Health Fair '87

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, you can find out how well your health fares at the third annual GW Health Fair sponsored by the Wellness Resource Center. This popular event will be in the Smith Center main arena between noon and 6 p.m. A potpourri of activities ranging from personal health screening opportunities to workshops on massage for relaxation will be offered. GW students, faculty and administration will find the activities interesting, useful and even fun!

The popularity of the GW Health Fair has grown tremendously since 1985, with the

participation rate doubling during the first two years. The Health Fair not only provides the GW community with the opportunity to learn about health and wellness, but it also provides free healthy food.

We'd like to list all of the health screenings available at Health Fair '87, but for the sake of space we'll just mention a few: fitness testing (including a test to determine the percent of fat in your body), blood pressure, lung capacity (show us just how much hot air you do have), screening for skin or oral cancer, computerized diet analysis (now you can believe you ate the whole thing), vision screening (including glaucoma) and foot screening (step right up).

In addition to the health screening opportunities there will be featured "Active Learning Stations" on alcohol and drug education, stress management, eating disorders, AIDS, exercise classes, GW intramural and athletic sport programs and mental health programs from the Counseling Center.

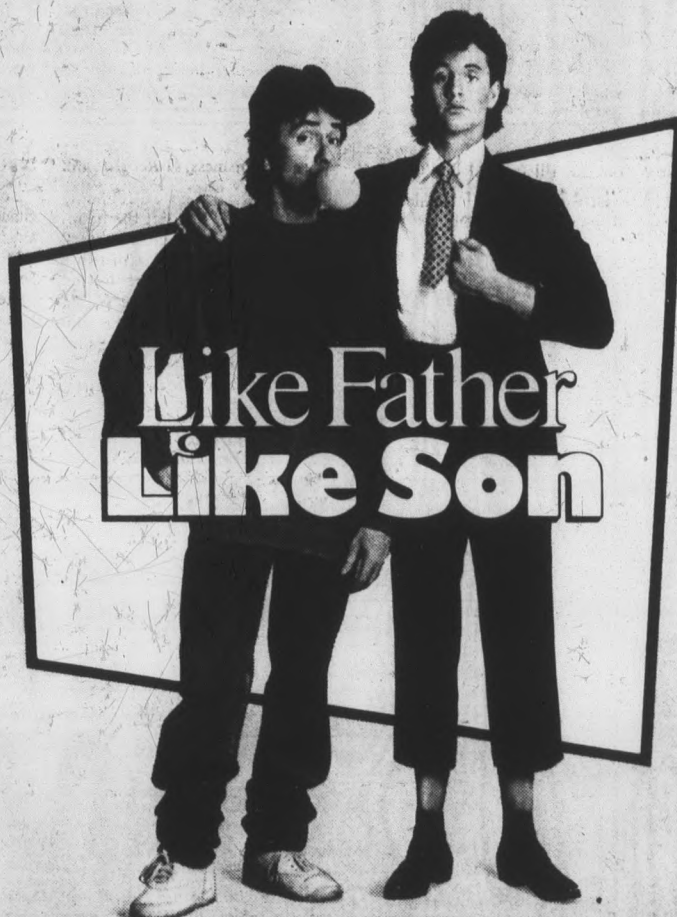
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Arts and Music

The rise, fall and resurrection of Alex Chilton

by Tim Walker

Memphis pop legend Alex Chilton has been described as everything from a "tortured genius" to "the last great American hero." Others have been more specific and to the point. Music



Alex Chilton (middle) in 1974 as a member of Big Star

critic Howard Wulfing called Chilton "an institution in the underground American rock-and-roll scene," an artist whose influence on modern pop music is "enormous, perhaps incalculable." "R.E.M., Lets Active, The Replacements," wrote Tom Hibbert, "Alex Chilton be thy name."

It is no exaggeration to claim that Chilton and his seminal Memphis pop outfit, Big Star, has

achieved more in its short three-year history (with the exception of Buddy Holly), than anyone in the history of rock whose career lasted a similar time span. From 1972 to 1974, Big Star recorded *#1 Record*, *Radio City* and *Sister Lovers*, three records that went

Memphis where he formed, with Chris Bell, Andy Hummel and Jody Stephens, the musical vehicle from which his legend and reputation would eventually be sculptured. Big Star was born.

#1 Record, Big Star's 1972 debut album, is a brilliant collection of clever, exciting pop songs, perfectly executed in the band's pervasive musical style. *#1 Record* combines bright melodies with lyrics that play upon and expand classic rock-and-roll themes: teenage innocence ("Thirteen"), rebellion ("In the Street") and spiritual regeneration ("Try Again"). From the good-timey "When My Baby's Beside Me" to the frantic "Don't Lie to Me" to the optimistic acoustic simplicity of "Watch the Sunrise," *#1 Record* displays the band's multifaceted approach to rock music.

"The Ballad of El Goodo," the record's strongest track, exposes (or at least hints at) Chilton's increasing feeling of isolation and disillusionment that would fully surface two years later on *Sister Lovers*: "Years ago, my heart set to live/But I've been trying hard against unbelievable odds/It gets so hard at times like these to hold on/But I'll fall if I don't fight." "Give Me Another Chance" indicates similar dilemmas but is



disguised by the beautiful melody and Chilton's impeccable falsetto, some of the finest vocals ever recorded.

Due to record company corporate clumsiness, *#1 Record* sank without a trace. Co-founding member Chris Bell left the band, and Big Star's direction fell squarely on Alex Chilton's shoulders. Fueled by anger caused by the debut's lack of success, Big Star reentered the studio and recorded an album of raw, furious songs that turned its back on the gloss that softened the first album. The follow-up, *Radio City*, ejects a reckless spirit nonexistent on *#1 Record*.

"September Gurls" is one of the best pure pop songs ever written. Thanks to Chilton's chiming guitar, combined with his ebullient vocals, the song (covered by the Bangles on *Different Light*) is sheer perfection. "September Gurls" and the folksy "I'm in Love With a Girl" are the only two throwbacks to the first album's aura of innocence, and stand out on *Radio City* for that very reason. "She's a Mover," "O My Soul," "Daisy Glaze" and the compelling "You Get What You Deserve" all reflect the album's grittier sound. *Radio City* is a record from a band clearly on the edge of collapse (Andy Hummel quit soon after its release), playing together as a unit for the last time with an "it's-us-against-the-world" vengeance.

Commercially, however, *Radio City* met a fate similar to *#1 Record*. Big Star was no longer a cohesive unit, now diminished to the duo of Chilton and drummer Stephens. Down but not quite out, Chilton began work in the studio for what was planned as Big Star's third album but turned out to be something completely different. Accountable to no one and with nothing to lose, Chilton wrote songs that are among the

most frightening and harrowing ever recorded. The resulting record, *Sister Lovers*, is a portrait of an artist clearly on the brink, a talent and mind seemingly disintegrating. Featured tracks "Downs," "Nighttime," "Big Black Car" and "Holocaust" are startling in their brutal honesty and agonizing self-torture. With eerie instrumentation, fragmented melodies and Chilton's own haunting vocalizing, *Sister Lovers* is not for the faint of heart. With Big Star's dream dissolved, Chilton sounds defeated, ready to bow out. "I hate it here," he sings on "Nighttime," "get me out of here."



Fallen hero: Chilton in 1985

Chilton's solo career remains an inconsequential footnote; Big Star's exciting legacy overshadows the man's sometimes bewildering and slightly deranged artistic directions. The fact remains: *#1 Record* and *Radio City* are two records without which a catalog of albums cannot come close to resembling a "collection." Here's your chance. All three albums have been reissued and *Sister Lovers* is currently available on compact disc. Better late than never, 1987 has given Alex Chilton the recognition and credit he deserves that has for so long eluded him.

Chilton live: back with a vengeance

by Erik Lazier

A look at the track record of Alex Chilton's career can be a frustrating experience. Coming onto the scene almost 20 years ago as the lead singer for the Box Tops (whose one hit, "The Letter," is a pop classic and still ranks among his best work), Chilton single-handedly invented power pop with Big Star and then slid into a mist of alcohol and wasted talent. Overall, Chilton's solo career consists of some highs but many lows.

During the early 1970s, Chilton and Big Star created music that served as one of the most important influences upon some of the main sources of today's alternative pop scene.

Chilton's erratic records since Big Star's demise contain moments of his usual brilliance but are weighed down by uninspired material (recorded output from this period is available on the *Lost Decade* collection, for diehard Chilton fanatics only). Chilton's songwriting, once so brilliant, began to drown in his alcoholic excesses.

Luckily, this disturbing trend started to reverse itself in 1985 with the release of *Feudalist Tarts*, a return to Chilton's Memphis soul roots and represented the man's best work in more than 10 years. In

1986, he released the single "No Sex," one of the wittiest songs written about the AIDS crisis. Chilton seemed to be regaining his grip on both his music and his life.

Alex Chilton came to the 9:30 Club last Wednesday night touring in support of his new album, *High Priest*. Although he was technically the "opening act" for Australia's Go-Betweens, the majority of the capacity crowd was there



Alex Chilton live at the 9:30

just to see him. During the course of a 90-minute set, Chilton proved he was back with a vengeance. The material performed ranged from early Big Star tunes ("September Gurls," "In the Street," "When My Baby's Beside Me") which he performed better than he had in years, to new songs from *Feudalist Tarts* and *High Priest*. The set

also contained several unexpected, irreverent covers, including the Beach Boys' "Little G.T.O.," Charles Mingus' jazz classic "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" and the lounge standard "Volare," which is on *High Priest*. Above all else, the selection of covers revealed a sense of humor that had been absent from his work for so long.

Both Chilton and his backing band also were in fine instrumental form. Chilton's guitar work and vocals—two of his vastly underrated talents—were phenomenal. To enhance the live power of the songs, the rhythm section—bassist Ron Easley and drummer Doug Garrison—pumped a steady, driving groove.

One of the most surprising and best elements of the show was Chilton's relaxed, generous stage presence. Belying the popular image of him as a reclusive has-been, he held the stage with an ease, a modesty and a levity that served as further proof of the wonderful revitalization of his talents. It was great to see Alex Chilton regain the confidence that had been missing from his records. If Wednesday's show was any indication, there is great cause for celebration among music lovers: Alex Chilton has returned to form.

photo by Bruce Horwitz



GW REPORTS

BY KATHI GOLDWASSER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Town Meeting

Do you have questions about registration, academic advising, tuition, classes? Now you can ask these questions and discuss them with a member of the administration in an informal setting.

It's called the Town Meeting. Every month students come to talk with a different member of the administration about issues concerning the university community.

Adam Freedman, president of the GW Students Association described the Town Meeting as "one way for students to have direct access to the administration and bring their thoughts and concerns directly to top administrators."

This month students came to Georges (5th floor Marvin Center) to meet with Dr. Roderick French, Chief Academic Officer and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Questions such as "Why are the lines so long at registration and what's going to be done about them," and "Why doesn't GW have better advisors" were just two of the many questions asked by students. Dr. French listened intently to each question and answered each question in a straight forward fashion.

Raffi Terzian, Vice President of Student Affairs along with Adam Freedman created the Town Meeting and made it a success.

"I am pleased with the early success of the program and I'm glad that we (the Student Association) established a program like this. I am hoping that with the Town Meetings we can increase communication between students and administrators."

The administration is not aware of every problem that students have with the university. If you have a question, come to the Town Meeting next month on October 21, at 4:00PM at Georges. See you there.

Senate Student Activities and Affairs

The Senate will now pay for one fraternity or sorority president or member of the executive board to attend the VIVA Conference.

The Leadership Emphasis Act was created by the Senate's Student Activities and Affairs Committee and was passed by the full Senate this month.

"It's a great idea and I'm glad it passed. It shows we care about the GW community," says Chris Crowley, Executive Vice President of the GW Student Association.

Last year, GW's largest organization, the Greeks, didn't have a large turnout as expected. Because of the Leadership Emphasis Act, this year five fraternities and sororities took advantage of the offer and had a great time.

John David Morns chairman of the Senate's Student Activities and Affairs Committee said, "The Leadership Emphasis Act" was written and passed with a sincere desire to show fraternities and sororities that they are significant student organizations. More importantly, the Greeks are an invaluable resource of people that help increase campus unification, feeling of university pride, and the general quality of life at GW."

Senate Finance

Approximately \$1400 (out of \$5000) in funds left over from last year has been allocated to student groups by the Senate's Finance Committee this month.

The Finance Committee held hearings from the 10th to the 20th of September in order to allow student groups to show why they needed extra money and how they would put it to good use. More than 20 student groups applied.

Some groups were formed after the budget deadline last semester and applied for funds for the first time. Other groups needed more money to help fund new projects because they didn't feel they had enough.

Also this year, Executive Vice President, Christopher Crowley will be sending out a Senate Finance Committee feedback sheet to all student groups to see how student groups feel about the funding process. This will insure that funded student groups can put their input into the funding process.

Chris Preble, Chairman of the Finance Committee said in regard to student group funding, "I was very satisfied with the committee proposals. I hope everyone is happy."

VIVA

Student leaders and administration met at Camp Friendship, Virginia this year on the 18th and 19th of September for the eighth annual VIVA Conference.

VIVA gives student leaders an opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and administrators.

Both students and administration gave workshops on subjects such as "How To Schedule Events At GW," and "Dry Programming."

Marianne R. Phelps, Associate Provost and Chairman for the "Committee for Coordinated Planning for the Year 2000" gave a workshop called "How We Get to the Future." The presentation described how GW has progressed to where it is today and where it plans to go in the future.

"The workshops were very helpful for future as well as present student leaders. I just wish we could have stayed an extra day," said Chris Crowley, Executive Vice President of the GW Student Association.

This year the Senate volunteered to pay the registration fee for any fraternity or sorority president or executive board member in order to increase greek participation. It worked and as usual, VIVA was a huge success.

Student Faculty

More than 500 students and faculty showed up for the Student Faculty Barbecue in the quad Friday, the 18th of September.

Amy Mitchell, Vice President of Student Activities was responsible for the success of the barbecue. "It was my first event and I was very pleased with the turnout. SAGA really did an outstanding job."

Approximately 21 cases of hamburgers, 7 cases of hotdogs, and 75 dozen cookies were eaten at the barbecue along with soda, potato chips, and a new edition - cotton candy.

The athletic teams were at the barbecue handing out team schedules, the cheerleaders were in uniform, and our mascot George Washington showed up to participate in the fun.

GW senior Renae Axelrod described the barbecue, "It really was a lot of fun. It was supposed to rain and I'm really glad it didn't. I can't wait until the next one."

Announcements

Student groups meets with Senate Finance Committee to discuss Marriot catering service.
Senate Meeting
October 6 9:00 pm Rm 405 Marvin Center

GW Olympics
October 16 & 17 Quad

Graduate Happy Hour
October 20

Senate Feedbacksheet
Concerning funding and student groups will be out in October.

Science Update

Everything you always wanted to know about plastics



AMERICA'S WASTE is nearly 20 percent plastics.

Plastics account for one ounce of every pound of American waste and, by some estimates, nearly 20 percent of the volume of trash that must be collected and carted off each year. In addition to filling dump sites, plastic packaging often is simply tossed away as litter that clutters beaches, streets and playgrounds.

Worse than its mass, however, is that plastic seems to last forever. The plastics industry has been slow to investigate and slower to adopt new techniques to manufacture plastics that will break down and disappear from landfills or picnic areas.

In Oregon, West Virginia and New Jersey, state legislatures are considering bans on some non-degradable plastics, and pressure is increasing for federal laws encouraging the use of packaging material that will not accumulate in the environment.

Referring to the recent highly-publicized journey of a garbage barge turned away from dump sites along the East Coast, Mary Shields, commissioner of solid waste disposal for New Jersey, said, "the post-barge era has begun."

A June conference of the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) examined current pressures from environmental forces and provided an overview of current technology to meet the degradability challenge. The August issue of *Modern Plastics* reports encouraging news of technological solutions, but only grudging acknowledgement by some industry figures of the need to

change.

Karl Kamena, chairman of the Council on Plastic Packaging in the Environment (COPPE), said, "We fail to see how degradable plastics can help solve landfill problems." Claiming that degradable plastics would reduce the stability of dumps, he said, "Plastics in landfills are not a problem; degradable plastics in a landfill could be."

Other industry spokesmen expressed similar misgivings. "In food packaging use, degradability would have negative effects," said Michael Levy of Mobil Chemical Co. The same properties that make most plastics long-lived, he said, "are needed to assure the purity of contents." Levy said no existing degradable materials have gained the approval of the Food and Drug Administration for use in food packaging.

Pat Toner, technical director of SPI, cautioned, "The end products of plastic degradation are little understood and need looking at."

While generally skeptical of the technical and economic feasibility of degradable materials available, one industry official said research into improved methods is being accelerated "in anticipation of further legislation."

The most ominous challenge to current plastics use is a proposed Oregon law that would ban the use of nondegradable materials in trash and merchandise bags, industrial containers and disposable food service items including cups, plates, cutlery and hinged-lid containers. These and other items threatened by legislation at the state level account for nearly two billion tons of annual plastic packaging sales. Eleven states currently prohibit the use of nondegradable plastics in beverage can rings—the yokes that bind six-packs.

The approaches to making plastic materials that break down in the environment involve either sunlight or biological decomposition to dismantle the building blocks of plastics.

Photodegradable materials use the energy of sunlight to break chemical bonds that link molecules into long, repeating chains called polymers, the basic structure of plastics. Once the polymer chains are broken, the fragments become increasingly sensitive to further exposure to sunlight and disintegrate.

Dow Chemical and Union Carbide both manufacture products used in the states where degradable six-pack yokes are required. In addition, a Florida firm has acquired U.S. rights to a photodegradable material manufactured by Israel's Plastopol Corporation.

There are problems involved in the use of photodegradable materials; they must be protected from excessive exposure to sunlight during manufacture, transportation and storage. In addition, they will not break down unless they are exposed to sunlight; if they are

buried in landfills they will remain intact, just like plastics now in use. Success in limited current uses, however, suggests to *Modern Plastics* "some long-term potential for providing partial solutions to the plastics litter and waste disposal problems." Manufacturing these materials involves the use of additives to existing petroleum-based technology, rather than utilizing new methods and materials.

Biological breakdown of plastics involves technology that is further removed from the plastics industry's experience with, and dependence on, petroleum derivatives. ICI Chemicals is experimenting with a polymer that is manufactured by naturally-occurring soil bacteria. The natural polymers are used to produce a plastic that is vulnerable to other soil organisms. Thus, while the material is stable on warehouse shelves or on sunny picnic tables, it decomposes rapidly in the microbe-rich environment of moist soil, sewage or seawater.

Another approach to making biodegradable plastics uses petroleum-derived polymers mixed with natural additives such as cornstarch, a simple and abundant organic polymer. Two U.S. companies are now developing prototype materials using starch additives. St. Lawrence Starch manufactures bottles and trash bags that remain intact until the material "is put into biologically active environments," said St. Lawrence spokesman Wayne Maddever. In landfills, the material breaks down completely within five years, he said. Agri-Tech Industries recently acquired the exclusive license for a product developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and plans to develop manufacturing techniques to use biodegradable films and foams in agricultural and commercial applications.

The biological sensitivity of these starch-based products creates advantages when they are discarded. It poses problems, however, in many common uses, particularly food storage, which require materials that prevent or retard biological activity such as the growth of mold or bacteria.

While industry has shown interest in manufacturing degradable materials, enthusiasm is modest and motivation is limited to an anticipatory fear of legislation. More inspirational to plastics manufacturers is the simple chemistry of the marketplace. As *Modern Plastics* observes, "America's consumers are voting their dollars for plastics, which are perceived as making packages safe, convenient—and readily disposable."

Ironically, the feature that has made plastics so popular and so pervasive is now increasing concerns as well as sales. "Plastics disposability used to sell more pounds," said Charles Crew, of General Electric's plastics division, "but now it spells trouble."

-Pat Zickler

'There's a fungus among us' protest prompts Montana State, EPA reviews

On June 13, a Montana State University (MSU) researcher injected trees on campus with biologically altered bacteria he hoped would protect them from the fungus that causes Dutch elm disease. On July 3, he infected them with the disease.

Two weeks ago, the 14 trees were dug up and burned, bringing to an end an experiment that raised questions about regulations to control the release of genetically modified organisms into the environment.

Admitting he had begun the experiment without necessary approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), researcher Gary Strobel said his actions were a form of "civil disobedience" in protest of EPA regulations that would have delayed his work for more than a year. He also said MSU rules covering experiments involving genetic engineering did not apply to his research.

Strobel did not apply for EPA approval until the experiment had begun and did not inform MSU's biosafety committee about the experiment until after infecting the trees with Dutch elm disease.

Strobel's experiment utilized a bacterium known to produce an anti-fungal agent. Strobel had modified the organism to produce and release larger quantities of the chemical in the hope that it would kill the fungus that destroys thousands of trees annually. To prevent the spread of the disease from the trees in his experiment, Strobel

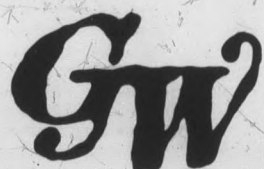
sprayed them with an insecticide to kill insects that might carry the disease-causing fungus to uninfected trees.

Following the first reports of Strobel's work, both EPA and MSU initiated investigations of the experiment. The EPA's investigation resulted in what the agency called mild sanctions against Strobel. "In this instance," said an EPA statement, "we don't feel nature is without controls to offer sufficient protection for the environment or the public health."

Ironically, while the Strobel incident was under investigation at EPA, a report by the National Academy of Sciences said rigid federal controls were not justified for experiments, like Strobel's, involving the rearrangement of genes within an organism. Meanwhile, MSU's review of the affair has resulted in an administrative reprimand for Strobel.

For his part, Strobel has agreed to submit plans for future experiments to the MSU biosafety committee, and he left for several months study in Europe, according to *Nature*, a weekly British journal.

Left behind, in addition to the ashes of his 14 elm trees, is a diminished public trust in government's ability to control or regulate new technology, said *Nature's* Carol Ezzell. "The federal rules governing biotechnology," she said, "are reckoned to be complex and disjointed, weaknesses highlighted by Strobel's defiance."



An Open Letter To All GWU Students

In keeping with a newly renovated and improved university library, we would like to address the issue of student conduct. The Gelman Library exists to promote scholarly research and to help fully develop individual ideas. Actions such as loud, inconsiderate talking and congregating in the hallway greatly conflict with the fulfillment of this purpose. For those of you taking a study break, may we suggest the Marvin Center as a more congenial place to socialize. A quieter, improved library atmosphere will help all of us to have a more successful academic year.

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Post office, ride board for MC?

by Kristi Messner
Hatchet Staff Writer

Is walking to L Street for stamps getting you down? Are the expenses of traveling home on the weekend putting a dent in your wallet?

If so, the Marvin Center Governing Board has some news that may cheer you up and possibly save you some money.

At Friday's meeting, board members discussed future proposals for a postal facility and an improved ride board as new additions to the Marvin Center.

The postal facility will possibly consist of assorted stamp vending machines and a package drop.

"It probably won't be an actual office with U.S. postal workers or anything," said Governing Board

Chairman Rob Goldberg, "but it might allow for students to be able to buy stamps and send packages."

Although plans for the facility still are in the early stages, the idea has a good chance of becoming a reality, according to board members.

"It would be great, and it's very likely to happen," Goldberg said.

The board's Committee of Communications is considering the return of a GW ride board, which was removed from the Marvin Center's ground floor during the summer of 1986 because of renovations.

A ride board would give students the opportunity to locate other students who need a ride

home or who are driving and would like someone to share the expenses. The interested person would place a card on the board, and then wait for a response.

"The board they had before

was destroyed," said committee Chairman Steve Metz. "The [governing] board will have to decide on whether to restore it or to have it in a different way," he said.

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Japanese official talks on yen-\$\$\$ relationship

by Tom Prendergast
Hatchet Staff Writer

Japan's Vice Minister of Finance Toyoo Gyoten addressed several important economic issues concerning the U.S. and Japanese financial markets during a talk at the Marvin Center's University Club Friday afternoon.

At the conference entitled "Financial Markets and Investments in the United States and Japan," Gyoten, who has held his position since 1986, focused on the close economic relationship between the United States and Japan.

The role of the Japanese yen in international finance should be increased, Gyoten said, stressing that Japan now has the second largest economy in the world.

"The yen is already playing the second most important role" in the world's economy, although it should bear the same burden the American dollar does in the world market, he said.

The effort to strengthen the yen is designed to improve capital markets around the world, Gyoten said, because a currency is valued not only on the strength of the country's economy, but also on the strength of the world market.

Gyoten praised the deregulation of the financial markets that allowed foreign firms to invest in the Japanese bond and stock markets. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which was opened in 1985 to limited foreign investment, has helped the economic situation, he said.

Gyoten said he expects the role and policies of the Tokyo Stock Exchange to broaden in 1988. Increased freedom for businesses can lead to the improvement of financial institutions on both sides of the Pacific, he said.

Despite the United States' large \$54 billion trade deficit with Japan, Gyoten said \$59 billion worth of Japanese capital was invested in U.S. bonds, securities and other investments. Gyoten called U.S. investments the "safest and most liquid investment available in the world today."

Although, in the past, Japan has had erratic investment tendencies toward the United States, Gyoten explained his country's attitude of how Japanese investments influence U.S. long-term interest rates and the value of the yen.

By purchasing U.S. bonds and securities, Japan has helped to fund the U.S. deficit and keep interest rates low, Gyoten said. When Japanese investment shrunk recently, the dollar-yen exchange rate fell and U.S. long-term interest rates rose, he said.

The conference was sponsored by the GW School of International Affairs and the Carnegie Council of Ethics and International Affairs. Officials from the U.S. government, economic institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and major U.S. and Japanese companies attended the event.

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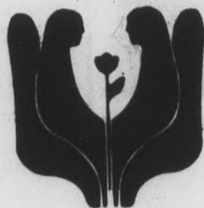
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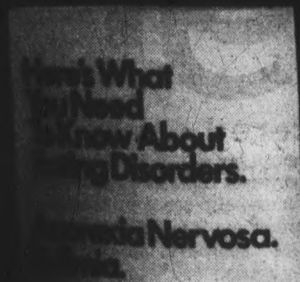
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GW golfers in the rough: 17th in Yale tourney and 19th at James Madison

by Craig W. Wilson
Hatchet Staff Writer

When a first-year coach is left with young players, winning tends to come after a period of losing in which lessons are learned, in turn developing a winning attitude.

After two weekends of GW's golf season, it is evident this is a squad in a period of transition during which they can improve with time.

The GW golf team ended two weekends of tournament action with 17th and 19th place finishes at the Yale Invitational and the James Madison Invitational, respectively.

First-year head coach Jim Rota knows what the team is experiencing, and knows that his team will become competitive in time. In his other role as GW wrestling coach, he has made the program one of the best in the East and knows patience is the key. "We're not

too good right now, but we're working on it ... [We're] seeing what we have to do to improve the program," he said.

At Yale, GW faced a 26-team field and placed 17th after three days. At James Madison, GW faced tough Southern schools, including Richmond and Guilford. Rota says his two most consistent golfers are sophomore Dan Deftos and junior Walter Kondon. The two scored a team low in both tournaments. Also playing respectably were freshman Dave Paksima and junior Greg Roth.

"Our big goals are to aim for the Atlantic-10s and to attempt to qualify people for the nationals," Rota said.

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Sports

Bilsky ends Sitney rumors

Freshman forward Glenson Sitney will be eligible to play this season for the GW basketball team, according to GW Men's Athletic Director Steve Bilsky and GW men's basketball head coach John Kuester.

This is contrary to rumors and a report in the Sept. 28 issue of *The Sporting News* which listed the blue-chip Sitney as "expected to be a Proposition 48 casualty." *The Sporting News* would not comment on how it received its information.

Proposition 48 is a National Collegiate Athletic Association guideline requiring this year's freshmen athletes to maintain better than a 2.0 grade-point average in high school and score at least 680 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or 15 on the American College Test. If an athlete does not meet these minimum standards, the NCAA will revoke his freshman year of eligibility should that athlete decide to accept scholarship money.

"All of our athletes are eligible

to play this season," Bilsky said.

Sitney (6-6, 185 pounds), a highly-touted prospect out of High Point High School in Beltsville, Md., is GW's first two-time D.C. All-Metropolitan selection. He averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots per game to lead his high school team to a 17-6 record his senior year. He also played for the D.C. squad in the prestigious McDonald's Capital Classic at the Capital Centre in March.

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Volleyball 2nd at EMU Classic

by Richard J. Zack
Hatchet Staff Writer

First-year GW volleyball head coach Cindy Laughlin took her young team to Ypsilanti, Michigan and came away with a second-place finish in the Eastern Michigan Classic.

GW (4-7) beat Bradley University Friday, 15-10, 4-15, 10-15, 15-8, 15-4 but lost to host Eastern Michigan University in the finals on Saturday, 7-15, 11-15, 6-15 to finish second in the tournament. EMU beat Xavier College in the team's first match.

Against Bradley GW's

Cindy LaRock led the team with 16 kills and a hitting percentage of .190. Cheryl Farley had 15 kills and sophomore Carrie Davis chipped in with 12 kills.

Against EMU, Davis and junior Ingrid Wicker had nine kills apiece and Farley added seven kills and three blocks.

"This was a good trip for us. I'm very happy," Laughlin said.

She is, however, concerned with the team's inconsistent play. The squad led all three games against EMU, but could not hold on for a win. "EMU is a consistent team. Where we

are now, is inconsistent," she said.

Being a first-year coach of a team with only one senior, Laughlin sees the team as needing to play more games to be competitive. "We have a good foundation, we just need to get the rest of the parts together," she said.

Netnotes—Both Farley and Davis were named to the All-Tournament team ... GW next plays Loyola University in the Smith Center, Tuesday at 7 p.m. ... The team opens its Atlantic 10 Conference season at Penn State on Thursday.



photo by Mary Behr

GW forward Orville Reynolds slide-tackles a Mountaineer opponent.

Men's soccer pounds WVU in A-10 opener

by John Maynard
Hatchet Staff Writer

While men's soccer at GW is not new, the team is faced with some new changes. Soccer is a new sport in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The GW team has a new coach, and with him comes a new attitude—an attitude that might put the Colonials at the top of the conference.

In its first Atlantic 10 Conference game ever, the GW men's soccer team (2-3-1) dominated West Virginia University en route to a 4-0 win at RFK Auxiliary Field, Saturday afternoon.

Although the four goals were scored by different players, Jay Smith's goal 16 minutes into the game proved to be all GW would need.

GW goalkeeper Harry Bargmann and his defense recorded the shutout by limiting the Mountaineers to only seven shots on goal and consistently keeping the ball in the opponents end of the field.

GW's second goal was scored by junior striker Paul Boulad, who also had an assist. Junior Kenny Emson made it 3-0 when he floated the ball over the fully extended reach of WVU goalie Mark Bachteler. Sophomore Bruce Heon joined the fun and closed the scoring. Heon also had an assist, as did freshmen Andrew Morrison and Chris Koczan.

Saturday's game was extremely physical and included a scuffle between Heon and WVU forward Tim Yocom. The fight was quickly dissolved, but pushing and shoving continued throughout the remainder of match.

"I am trying to get the team to be a little more physical," Lidster said. "WVU is a very physical team and I believe we handled them well today."

On the ball—The Colonials next play Wednesday against Howard at 3 p.m. at RFK Auxiliary Field.

GW Women edged in double OT

The Florida sun rubbed some heat on the GW women's soccer team's defense which gave up just one goal in two games.

But that one goal came near the end of a second overtime period of the Berry College Tournament final game to leave GW in second place.

In reaching the finals, GW blanked Mercer College, 6-0, on Saturday, thus advancing them to play host Berry College in the championship. Berry's defense proved just as stingy as GW's, though, and the game was 0-0 until Berry's Jody Jones scored on a breakaway goal late in the second overtime.

"They took a good team into double-overtime in their tourney," said Rhea Farberman, GW Women's Sports Information Director. "Either team could have won it."

Against Mercer, the offense and defense played equally well. GW's leading scorer, Diane Kelly, continued her dominance of opposing defenses as she zig-zagged her way to two goals. Sandy Helverson also scored two and Lisa Cellura and Lisa Mulligan chipped in with one apiece.

In goal for GW, freshman Lora Mozar continued to amaze in recording the shutout and receiving credit for 14 saves against Berry.

On the ball—The Colonial Women are 6-3 on the season ... GW outshot Berry 23-17 ... Berry is ranked second in the country in the NAIA division ... GW has participated in two tournaments this season and lost in the finals of both ... The squad next plays Radford College, Sunday at the Montgomery College field in Rockville, Md., at 10 a.m.

-Doug Most

NFL strikers vs. management in beat-the-clock

Ironically as it may be, the National Football League Players Association's (NFLPA) strike closely resembles a Sunday afternoon football extravaganza. Each session of the strike involves an offense, a defense and an overabundance of strategy.

But contrary to what the situation may look like to fans, the strike is not a result of the players wanting more money. It goes much deeper into the bench.

Leading the offense (NFLPA) is team captain and quarterback Gene Upshaw, a former offensive guard with the Oakland Raiders and the executive director of his squad.

Like all good captains, Upshaw has formulated some strategies to throw at the defense. The defense, or Management Council, is captained by middle linebacker and executive director Jack Donlan.

The key series in any game is the first, and the strike is no exception. The first play

is called free agency. Donlan and his defense want to retain some compensation for lost players and want teams to uphold the right of first refusal for players from another team. Upshaw's pass, though, asks

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for either no compensation or for the right of first refusal for players with at least four years experience. This play is a standoff.

On second down, Donlan proposes that drug testing be mandatory and unscheduled. The NFLPA, however, is happy with the present system (probably because no one is ever caught) of one mandatory

urine test during the preseason. Only with reasonable cause can further testing be administered, Upshaw says.

This play pushed the offense back 10 yards. The defense's proposal would rid the league of drug users and help eliminate one of the biggest problems in professional sports today. By keeping the ball on the ground and sticking with the present system, the drug problem will only worsen.

On third down, the offense completed a 10-yard pass downfield and back to the line of scrimmage (bargaining). The NFLPA proposed the roster size be increased to 49, giving more players a chance to succeed. The defense went for the interception by offering to increase the rosters to 47.

On the pivotal fourth down, Upshaw calls the contract play. His unit wants player contracts guaranteed after making the active roster a second season. Donlan wants players who are released after the

third game of the season to receive their full salaries. These options have some strong points, but neither are strong enough to push the other. The lines remain intact on this play, and the result is a stalemate.

While these issues may seem trivial to outsiders, to the offense and the defense they are half the battle. The problem is not how the issues are settled, but where. It should be done on the field during the week, not in the clubhouse where players, management and fans all lose.

Since the two sides are already in the clubhouse, however, let the offense run its plays and then punt to the defense, which will call its own plays. Call timeout, have the captains meet at midfield, compromise their three-point stances and resume play before the clock reads 00:00.

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